Columbia, Columbia, to glory arise,
The queen of the world and the child of the skies,
Thy genius commands thee, with rapture behold,
While ages on ages thy splendor unfold

Washington D.C.

Camp Douglas July 16th

Dear Parents Brothers & Sisters I received your letter of the 5th I must to have answered it before but have had how time to do it we have had three United States Officers a drilling Co the Skirmish drill, every Company & Com A & B as Skirmishers Com for the Right and it was drilling from morning till Night We like the drill first strate laying on our backs a loding & laying down & firing and rallying by fours it is all double quick time and every man fight for him self hiding behinde bushes & trees fences and firing and loding as fast as he can & charging a gainst Cavery rallying on the the Centers the Officers show them how the Cadets do & nothing for the men to fall in for Relation drill & I have to stop

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I have got back from drill which was about three hours long and have had my dinner which was cabbage black berries Onion and new Potatoes The one of my journey was the 3rd Sunday and went off Skirmishing 3rd We got 2 Quarts of Black berries one Haversack full of Cabbage One full of Onion & new potatoes we went all around the Soldiers home the buildings is built of white marble the grounds are all laid out nice they have a farm of three hundred acres big barns chickens ducks turkeys doves Hoses & Cows the soldiers work it but not that too they get paid extra when they work they dont have to doe nothing unless they they want to the Governor of the home lives in one of the buildings the Regt went down to Pennsylvania Avenue to escort the 17th Regt. of Brooklin off we had General inspection but as and inspect the 2nd cloth and Knapsacks

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the United States Officers have been ordered off on business further South — Mr. Parade has been drilling very belatedness drill 2 hours a day on Sides dress parade Friday the 18th Regt Jacksons went off — Tom Bates pass me not — to tell the Corporals to set guards on the horse shed to stop the boys from pulling the boards off so I shot — I moved for over to the 26th Regt — I stuck out all day over there the boys of the 26th have been paid off they got $22 dollars pay village and all they ride up from Washington in Carriges as big as Eng One three O'clock drill that — is what the drumbs say here is the call falling for drill back again we had about — 2½ hours drill this time dress Parade comes in about a half a

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So You See I have Not much time to my self I suppose that You all would like to now ours regersions at the first place it is tattoo at 5½ Oclock Company drill at 6. Oclock breffast at 7. Oclock Belalion drill at 8. Oclock then You have to clen You Musket that things to rights have a ~~Dress Parade~~ Manuel drill in front of ours Quarters then we have our dinner then their dises to wash test to clen out again Street to clen upt then drill at three oclock then dress parade then eat supper then we have about a hour to ours self then rowl call at 9. Oclock at 9½ light out and We too sleep about 7 or 8 hours drill a day I have been from 7. Oclock and it is 7½ oclock now to spell this letter and I have been at it every chance I could get ~~when~~ I will for dress parade So I will have to stop here I rec'd Yours letter of Friday about My picture it will cost at last twelfe shillings Yours W. Pfeiffer

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